

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BEAUTIFICATION DRIVE IN NCT OF DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NDMC/MCD have taken up the beautification of various parts of the NCT of Delhi including parks maintained by them in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard;
- (c) whether various fountains installed by the said civic agencies including the one at the Central Park in Connaught Place are reported to be non-functional;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for the repair of the same; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated and spent on the installation and maintenance of such fountains by the said civic agencies during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that it is taking steps to improve and to maintain existing parks under its jurisdiction to make them beautiful. In this regard, the NDMC has made provision of Rs. 5.18 crore in its budget as per the following details:

S.No.	Name of the Park	Budget allocation
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1.	Talkatora Garden	Rs. 10 lakh
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2.	Nehru Park	Rs. 8 lakh
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3.	Lodhi Garden	Rs. 25 lakh
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4.	Maintenance of all other parks and gardens	Rs. 2.75 crore
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5.	Maintenance of all CPWD colonies parks	Rs. 2 crore
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Total		Rs. 5.18 crore
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The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) maintains 14636 parks spread all over Delhi. However, it has not specifically identified any park for beautification for the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(c) & (d): The fountains installed at the Central Park in Connaught Place are functional. However, these fountains are closed for cleaning and maintenance for two to three weeks after every two months. There are 132 fountains in MCD parks. However, most of them have become non-functional and are not repaired because of non-availability of water due to lowering of water level and the

danger of these fountains becoming breeding ground for mosquito due to which there is a danger of spread of Malaria and Dengue, etc.

(e): The MCD has informed that in the last three years, no installation of fountains was carried out. The funds allocated and spent by the NDMC for maintenance of fountains in Central Park, Connaught Place is as under:

Year	Funds allocated	Amount spent
2007-08	Rs. 5.40 lakh	Rs. 5.25 lakh
2008-09	Rs. 5.74 lakh	Rs. 5.65 lakh
2009-10	Rs. 6.62 lakh	Rs. 6.50 lakh
2010-2011	Rs. 7.44 lakh	Rs. 0.62 lakh